

MONTHLY BIG EVENT CONNECTION

Sky Zone: Nov. 13, 2:30-5:30pm

Vespers: Nov. 20, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 11, Apr. 22,
May 20 - 7:00-9:45pm

Ice Skating/Broomball: Dec. 14 6:00-9:30pm (?)

Unpaved Conference Jan. 27-28 (Fri-Sat)

Snow Tubing at Afton Alps Feb. 17 6:00-9:30pm(ish?)

Coffee House in the Bridge Mar. 7, 7:00-9:00pm

Lock-Out Event Apr. 13-14 (Fri-Sat)

Service Night at FMSC May 16, (time TBD)

**For more details and costs check the website at
www.wlcyouth.org**

LARGE GROUP CONNECTION

Sunday Impact: Join us on Sundays, 9:30am in the Bridge as we ask the tough questions in life, like: Is there a God? Who was Jesus and what was his message? And the most telling of them all: Can everyone be right? Experience these real conversations with real individuals going through the same problems and difficulties in life that we all go through. Prepare to be challenged on the Gospel Journey.

PERSONAL CONNECTION TEAM

Every year we have over 1/2 of our confirmands who choose not to participate in youth ministries. It is our hope and goal to keep reducing that number but want to continue to support and encourage our youth who are not coming. We are starting a new initiative to assemble a group of adult leaders who are willing to take 4-5 youth and connect once a month or so and just check in with them and see how they are doing and if there is anything that we can lift up in our prayers. We hope it send a strong message that they are valued. If you have a youth who fits into this category and they just don't want to get involved and you would like us to at least connect with them one on one (notes, Facebook, phone call) please either give us a call or send an email and we will match them up with one of our adult leaders. We are hoping that they connect Deeper with God through an adult connector. If your are an adult interested in being one of these connecting mentors please let us know as well.

SMALL GROUP CONNECTION

We have made a change to our small group format to offer more flexibility to your schedule and more options for your personal interests. We have also included a small group sign up sheet in this mailing and would like to get those back within the next week to get them into their small group. Once they have signed up they will be contacted by their small group leaders.

Sport Small Group:

This group will get together to play a sport, have a small devotion on a Christian sports player and end in prayer. Each group will determine whether they want to play the same sport throughout the year or switch it up. Group will play ball for an hour and 15 minutes or so and wrap up with a 15 minute devotion and prayer. We will offer one group on Wednesday nights and one on Sunday afternoons.

Mission Small Group:

This group will focus on their servant heart and practical ways they can seek justice in the world. Two weeks a month they will be looking at global issues like poverty social classes, racism environmental concerns, slavery and other concerns. What does the bible have to say about those issues and our involvement. Once a month this group will practice by serving food for the homeless, packing meals for poverty and other things like that. This group will meet on Sunday's.

King David and Surrender Bible Study: (Deeper Scripture Study)

In this study David Nasser will take you on a trip to Israel and study the life of King David and apply his life to yours. The second part of this study will be a study by Francis Chan called Surrender that will challenge you to surrender your fully to Jesus and look at biblical examples of those who surrendered their life. This group will meet on Wednesday nights.

A Guys Guide to Life Small Group:

This is for guys only and will explore issues and myths that apply to guys. Lots of good humor and guy issues like manly myths, peer pressure, dating, sex, woman (mysteries explained), friends and faith. This group will meet three times a week on Wednesday night and sometimes will connect with the girls group.

A Girls Guide to Life Small Group:

This study offers a girls a new approach in facing their adolescent years. It addresses issues of the mind, body and soul with real perspectives on beauty, self esteem, dating, sex and that other gender. Mostly just straight answers to the questions your afraid to ask. This group will meet three times a week on Wednesday night and sometimes will connect with the guys group.

Worship Small Group:

This small group will meet once a month to go over to Bethel for Vespers for a night of worship. There may also be other worship opportunities that they will engage in. It will take place on Sunday nights. Vespers worship nights are Nov. 20, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 11, Apr. 22, May 20 - 7:00-9:45pm

Online Prayer Group and Devotional Chat:

There are some that don't want to be a part of a small group but still would like to be prayed for and spiritually encouraged. We will determine a time that works for this group and meet weekly on a chat site to pray and have a devotional thought and encouragement for the week.

***** Small group topics will change in January.**

SR. HIGH MINISTRIES AT WLC

Dear Parents and Sr. High Youth,

Hope your school year is off to a great start. We wanted to send you an update on our youth ministries for our 9th -12th graders. We have several different changes that we are excited about and we believe will lead to a great year of ministry.

Change one: We put together a team of parents and leaders to form a Sr. High leadership team and they have been hard at work designing a ministry that will help you go deeper in your connections with God, other adult leaders and friends. The following direction and different opportunities presented on this sheet is a result of their work.

Change two: We have hired Becca Petrich for 20 hours a week to be a part of our ministry team for 9th-12th graders. With moving 1/2 of Derek's time out of youth ministry in pastoral roles two years ago we felt we needed some more staff attention to this age level and are pleased to have Becca on the team.

Change three: We began the year with a 7 week relationship building emphasis to help deepen the connections among our Sr. High. We also have a large class of 9th and 10th grade confirmands coming in this year (80 plus) and wanted to wait to kick off our full Sr. High Program until after they were confirmed. The last two Sunday's they were confirmed and so now we are ready to go.

Change four: Our leadership team felt like we had to get some more adults willing to step up to leadership and some new adults to be a part of our youth ministries. I am excited to tell you that our adult leadership team has grown and brings passion, experience and new ideas and life with it. We are still looking for more however so if you are interested please let Derek or Becca know

Change five: Our leadership team has decided that we are going to concentrate around the focus of Deeper Connections: With God, Adult Mentors and Friends. We have decided to offer and emphasize four key ministry areas for our 9th-12th graders to be involved in. (See back side for a description of these four key ministries)

- 1) Monthly Deeper Connection Events: Once a month we will offer different fun activities that we hope will attract as many youth and their friends as possible. These are great connecting events with high activity involvement.
- 2) Sunday Morning Connections: This will be a large group teaching experience led by Bruce and Lori Nixon on different topics throughout the year.
- 3) Small Group Connections: This is a big change for us and we have received great feedback that Wednesdays don't always work for everyone and you have lots of different interests. Therefore we are offering 8 different small group opportunities that connect on different interests and different times. Also an opportunity for you to pick to be in a small group with your friend. So far we have 46 who have already signed up for a small group.

4) Personal Connection: We know that there are some youth who will choose not to be a part of youth ministry at Woodbury Lutheran but we still want them to know we care. We are putting together a team that will connect with you who don't come and connect with them and pray for them.

We are very excited to offer these four approaches this year for our youth in grades 9-12. We know that Sr. High is a critical time for our youth and the development of deeper faith before they go to college. We encourage you parents to encourage, challenge and connect your kids into one of those four areas to help them grow spiritually. If Derek, Becca or our leadership team can help or support you in any way please let us know.

Derek, Becca, Sr. High Leadership Team,